

RE: Convoy Update - February 6th

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To: **Personal Info.**
Cc: "Astravas, Zita" <zita.astravas@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>
Date: Mon, 07 Feb 2022 01:13:58 +0000

Lastest from the RCMP below.

Also to flag – there is a report on social media that convoy participants may have attempted to burn down a high-rise apartment building at 5AM today. Two individuals brought a number of firestarter bricks into the lobby, taped the front doors shut, and set them alight. A good Samaritan walking by saw the blaze early on, and was able to break through the tape in time to put it out. Full Twitter thread (with security camera screenshots) is available here.

<https://twitter.com/TiMunoz/status/1490473045965815812>

Situation as of 1858hrs on 2022-02-06

Event Overview:

- **Approximately 25-50 demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- **Approximately 800-1000 demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core.**
- OPS estimate that there **are 500 trucks in the downtown core.**

From 6:58PM

- Quebec Police advise the protest at the National Assembly in Quebec has ended.
- Messaging was sent to all Parliamentarians this evening, providing a general update on the demonstrations and directing them to the appropriate access points and points of contact, should they require assistance tomorrow.

From: Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:28 PM

To: **Personal Info.**

Cc: Astravas, Zita <Zita.Astravas@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Convoy Update - February 6th

Good evening sir,

Evening GOC update below:

New information in bold as of 17:00 EST, 06 Feb

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- On the afternoon of 06 Feb, the City of Ottawa declared a State of Local Emergency due to the ongoing demonstration.
- Estimated 50 people on Parliament Hill and 800-1000 people in the surrounding area.
- Authorities continue to engage with convoy organizers to clear emergency lanes. Limited progress has been made in the downtown core.
 - Impasse in Ottawa as protesters settle in, police are strained and politicians search for solutions. [Link](#)
 - City 'outnumbered,' says mayor. [Link](#)
 - Downtown Ottawa 'out of control' with convoy protesters 'calling the shots': mayor. [Link](#)

Toronto, ON:

- No reports of demonstrations, however, road closures remain in effect for key areas in the downtown core.
 - Toronto police to maintain road closures and heavy presence downtown day after large protest. [Link](#)
 - Man arrested after feces thrown during anti-mandate protest in Toronto. [Link](#)

Sarnia, ON:

- Demonstrations have closed the Blue Water Bridge (Canada-US border crossing).
- Alternative routes have been established and latest reports indicate a reduction of vehicles involved in the demonstration.
 - [Police close westbound Hwy. 402 as anti-restrictions convoy hits Sarnia. Link](#)

Quebec City, QC:

- Demonstrations are occurring in the vicinity of the QC National Assembly buildings.
- Reports indicate 20 transport trucks and several hundred demonstrators.
 - Police issue warnings to protesting truck drivers in Quebec City, parking tolerance ending. [Link](#)
 - A few hundred protesters honk their horns in Quebec City. [Link](#) (French Only)

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- Two lanes of traffic remain open on the highway in the vicinity of Coutts, allowing access to the US border.
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- Here for the long-haul': No end in sight to Coutts blockade on Day 7. [Link](#)

Winnipeg, MB:

- **No new reports of demonstrations.**
 - Man charged in hit and run during Freedom Convoy protest, injuring four. [Link](#)
 - Police probe hit-and-run at Winnipeg protest against pandemic restrictions. [Link](#)

Regina, SK:

- **Reports indicates protesters are preparing to occupy a street close to the Legislative building for a prolonged period.**
 - **Anti-mandate protesters vow to stay on Albert Street as police ticket vehicles.**[Link](#)

Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, AB:

- **No new reports of demonstrations.**
 - Convoy snarls streets in Edmonton. [Link](#)
 - Protests against COVID-19 health measures continue in Alberta cities. [Link](#)

Vancouver, Victoria, BC:

- **No new reports of demonstrations.**
 - **Convoy against COVID-19 restrictions returns to BC legislature for 2nd weekend.** [Link](#)

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- OPS has increased uniformed presence over the weekend.
 - Ottawa police hire elite crisis-management firm to handle protest messaging. [Link](#)
- On 29 Jan, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill and has been extended until 07 Feb.
- **Police resources continue to issue tickets.**
- **OPS has announced on social media that “Anyone attempting to bring material supports (gas, etc.) to the demonstrators could be subject to arrest. Enforcement is underway.”**
- OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with truckers/demonstrators and maintaining public safety is the number one priority.
- OPS additionally reports the following:
 - Continue to avoid nonessential travel to the downtown core.

- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).
- For updates on the [City of Ottawa road closures and traffic](#) or via social media [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Other Jurisdictions:

- Quebec City, QC: Tow trucks ready if convoy poses problems, Legault says. [Link](#)
- On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto. Restrictions are in effect until 09 Feb.
- On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Quebec City, QC. Restrictions are in effect until 09 Feb.
- NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River, AB in addition to Coutts, AB until 09 Feb.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2022, at 4:50 PM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi sir –

Mayor Watson has declared an official state of emergency in Ottawa over the ongoing protests.

The accompanying NR states that: "Declaring a state of emergency reflects the serious danger and threat to the safety and security of residents posed by the ongoing demonstrations **and highlights the need for support from other jurisdictions and levels of government**. It also provides greater flexibility within the municipal administration to enable the City of Ottawa to manage business continuity for essential services for its residents and enables a more flexible procurement process, which could help purchase equipment required by frontline workers and first responders."

Full declaration: <https://twitter.com/ScottMoffatt21/status/1490435494160838660>

From: Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 3:54 PM

To: Irrelevant info.

Cc: Astravas, Zita <Zita.Astravas@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Convoy Update - February 6th

Latest from the RCMP:

Situation as of 3:04PM

Approximately 75 demonstrators are reported to be on Parliament Hill at this time.

Approximately 300 demonstrators on Wellington St.

OPS estimate that there are 500 trucks in the downtown core.

In Kelowna, no issues experienced during the Weekly Anti-Vaccine/Freedom Rally protests which brought approximately 2000 people into the downtown core on Feb 5th

The Convoy in Windsor Nova Scotia has grown to over 300 vehicles, minor traffic issues mitigated by the police, and open sources are being monitored.

In Winnipeg, at the Manitoba Legislature, the demonstrations persist, the Winnipeg Police Service are the POJ, and are fully engaged and responding. No request for RCMP resources at this time.

The Convoy in Moncton, NB saw 40-50 vehicles in a slow roll today at 1PM, and a protest was held at the New Brunswick legislature with around 100 people and several vehicles. No issues to report.

On Feb 6, 2022, at 12:10 PM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Midday GOC update below.

The OPS have also just put out another news release, this one giving an update on enforcement measures. It notes 450+ tickets since Saturday morning, and that they have now launched 97 criminal investigations related to the demonstration. Full link is available here: <https://www.ottawapolice.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx?newsId=0087e6b4-7217-44b3-b17c-124b273da999&lang=en>

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New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 06 Feb

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- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.

- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- Minimal people on Parliament Hill, Wellington and surrounding streets, however, crowds are starting to build in the downtown core.
- The majority of the new trucks that arrived on 05 Feb left overnight; remaining trucks have been in place since the beginning of the protest.
 - No end in sight to Ottawa protests, not enough resources, says police chief. [Link](#)
 - Demonstrators descend on Ottawa as 'freedom convoy' protests spread beyond capital. [Link](#)
 - Here's what you need to know about the 'Freedom Convoy' protest in Ottawa today. [Link](#)
 - Police board desperate for help as protest swells for weekend. [Link](#)

Toronto, ON:

- Here's what the trucker protest looked like on the streets of the city on Saturday. [Link](#)
- Day one of Toronto protest strikes a different tone than Ottawa. [Link](#)
- 'We stand together.' Cops, protesters find harmony at Toronto truckers protest. [Link](#)
- Their sound and fury, all in the name of 'freedom.' [Link](#)
- Downtown Toronto trucker convoy keeps calm, carries on. [Link](#)
- 22-year-old man arrested during trucker protest in Toronto: police. [Link](#)

Quebec City, QC:

- Demonstrations are occurring in the vicinity of the QC National Assembly buildings.
 - Thousands converge on Quebec City in convoy protest. [Link](#)
 - Québec City invaded by trucks and horns. [Link](#) (French only)
 - Convoy participants allowed to sleep on boulevard René-Lévesque. [Link](#)(French only)
 - A demonstration without pitfalls : the Quebec City police won their bet. [Link](#)(French only)

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- Two lanes of traffic are open on the highway in the vicinity of Coutts, allowing access to the US border.
- Here for the long-haul': No end in sight to Coutts blockade on Day 7. [Link](#)
- Coutts, Alberta, mayor meets with truckers as protest at US border continues. [Link](#)
- Alberta Indigenous leaders speak up against approach to Coutts border crossing protest and blockade. [Link](#)
- Protesters at Coutts move in to block southbound lane to US border. [Link](#)

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Regina, SK:

- **Security upped at Legislative Building as protest arrives.** [Link](#)
- Convoys against COVID-19 mandates, health measures plan to protest at Saskatchewan Legislative Building Saturday. [Link](#)

Windsor, ON:

- Truckers once again clog Huron Church Road. [Link](#)

Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, AB:

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- **Protests against COVID-19 health measures continue in Alberta cities.** [Link](#)
- **Protests in several Alberta municipalities join convoys across the country.** [Link](#)

Vancouver, BC:

- **Anti-vaccine mandate convoy blocked by protesters on way to downtown.** [Link](#)
- **Trucker convoy and counter-protesters face off outside legislature, crowd smaller.** [Link](#)
- **Hundreds converge on downtown to oppose health mandates.** [Link](#)
- The city and its roads are under siege by dueling protests. [Link](#)

Sydney, NS:

- **Two opposing COVID-19 demonstrations in Sydney.** [Link](#)
- **Blocking traffic to protest now banned in Nova Scotia.** [Link](#) (French only)

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 - **Ottawa police hire elite crisis-management firm to handle protest messaging.** [Link](#)
 - Police launching 'surge and contain strategy' effective immediately. [Link](#)
 - Ottawa police to implement hard-line approach toward demonstrators. [Link](#)
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On Feb 6, 2022, at 11:37 AM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

From the RCMP - it appears the majority of vehicles that came to Ottawa yesterday have already left.

Here is the latest as of **1110hrs on 2022-02-06**

Event Overview:

- **Approximately 12 demonstrators** are reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- **Approximately 40 demonstrators on Wellington St.**
- OPS estimate that there are **500 trucks in the downtown core**.
 - o Majority of the trucks that arrived yesterday, have departed overnight. Those that remain, are those that have been here since the onset of the demonstration.
- The parking lot next to Chaudiere Bridge remains full.
- Liaison work with the group in Confederation Park continues
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Communications:

- There are currently 140+ media stories in media monitoring in regards to the ongoing demonstrations.
- Coverage this morning centers heavily on Ottawa, where Ottawa Police stated yesterday afternoon in a meeting with the OPS Board that they do not have adequate resources to contain and end the protests.
- Additional reporting focused on protests happening in various other provinces, and how police and citizens were dealing with them.
- Social media showed representatives of the United States commenting on the protests.
- The West Block is today expected to host PS Minister Mendicino to discuss the government's response to the protests in Ottawa, as well as former OPS Chief Bordeleau to discuss policing the capital
- Also, a news release by the core demo organizers in a show of "goodwill" calls on truckers to cease honking horns between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. today, in respect for the Lord's day, and of members of the military and "the men and women in blue".
- RCMP have not received any media requests at this time

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On Feb 6, 2022, at 10:10 AM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Good morning sir,

First update of the day from the RCMP:

Information **as of 0903hrs on 2022-02-06**

Event Overview:

- **No demonstrators are** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- **No demonstrators on Wellington St.**
- OPS estimate that there **are 500 trucks in the downtown core.**

- An OPS news release was issued at 6:15 p.m. to update on the enforcement measures including the number of charges laid as well as on the new RCMP resources announced. The news release can be viewed at: <https://www.ottawapolice.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx?lang=en&newsId=73848b16-7644-4e56-95c0-767136eff481>

CIG received information that a protest near the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, ON has apparently ended.

NCRCC will be implementing mandatory rapid testing for RCMP employees prior to attending the workplace. All those working within the NCRCC will be encouraged to pick up a box of rapid tests and will be asked to test at home prior to attending the workplace. This will be strongly encouraged in order to ensure that we sustain the NCRCC activation.

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